

House Resolution No. 2378

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Carolyn Alicia Dean Richardson, who passed to her eternal reward on April 26, 2004; and

Whereas, Carolyn Richardson came into this world in Dumas, Arkansas, on March 19, 1950, as the tiny infant daughter born to Mrs. Alma Dean, Mrs. Ethel Esaw, and Mr. Willie Young; and

Whereas, Carolyn Richardson attended the Dumas Public Schools and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and her Master's degree in Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

Whereas, Carolyn Richardson played an integral role in the educational development of numerous children as an English Teacher at the Dumas Public Schools and Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield for many years, during which time she served as Director of the Normandy School Board and as a member of the National Education Association and displayed an intense passion for African American history; and

Whereas, Carolyn Richardson embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Forrest Richardson, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and admiration of four fine children; and

Whereas, Carolyn Richardson declared her love for the Lord at an early age and continued to glorify His name as a devout member of the Murchison Tabernacle C.M.E. Church under the leadership of the Reverend Gene H. Williams; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her two brothers, Carolyn Richardson leaves behind to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Forrest Richardson; her four children, Kimmet J. Dean, Taryn S. Dampier, Brandi S. Richardson, and Crystal Y. Franklin; her son-in-law, Anthony Dampier; her granddaughter, Nya Elyse Dean; her seventeen brothers and sisters; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join the Honorable Esther Haywood in paying final tribute to her best friend, Carolyn Richardson, a remarkable individual, stellar educator, and dedicated public servant who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the husband of the late Carolyn Alicia Dean Richardson, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 2378, adopted April 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker